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SUBJECT: 32D UNGA--THIRD COMMITTEE/POLITICAL PRISONERS, ITEM 12

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1. SUMMARY. THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTED BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS A/C.3/32/L.43,
CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. I BY A VOTE OF 69-17(US)-28 AT ITS
EVENING SESSION OF DEC 9. ADOPTION FOLLOWED ATTEMPTS BY
SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, MOST NOTABLY AUSTRALIA AND MOROCCO,

TO AMEND L.43'S TEXT, SEVERAL AMENDMENTS OF WHICH WERE
ACCEPTED BY THE BYELORUSSIAN SPONSOR. AUSTRALIAN REP
LAMENTED THAT A DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUCH IMPLICATIONS WAS
ACTED UPON IN A HASTY MANNER WITHOUT ADEQUATE CONSULTA-
TIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THIRD COMMITTEE BEGAIN CONSIDERATION OF A/C.3/32/
L.43 MORNING OF DEC 8. AUSTRALIAN REP REGRETTEED THAT A
DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUCH IMPLICATION WAS BEING CONSIDERED

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WITHOUT ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE SPONSOR
(BYELORUSSIA) AND THOSE WISHING TO AMEND THE TEXT,
NOTING THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS ONLY FORMALLY CIRCULATED
ON NOV 30. AUSTRALIA, MOROCCO AND THE FRG OFFERED ORAL
AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY THE
SPONSOR AND SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE REVISED TEXT
AS GIVEN IN CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. I, TEXT BELOW.

THE AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN ANNEX II OF DOCUMENT A/C.3/32/L.42 WAS ALSO ACCEPTED BY THE SPONSOR AND INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISED TEXT AS OPERATIVE PARA 4

3. DURING ITS THREE MEETINGS OF DEC 9, COMMITTEE CONTINUED DEBATE ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH AUSTRALIA ONCE AGAIN VOICING WESTERN OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT. REP REGRETTED THAT SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN PREAMBULAR PARA 5 ABOUT RESPECT FOR "HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX,

LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION" WERE NOT DEALT WITH IN THE OPERATIVE PARAS.

4. MOROCCAN AND PANAMANIAN REPS INQUIRED AS TO THE MEANING OF THE TERM "SOCIAL PROGRESS" AS USED IN THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION AS WELL AS IN OPERATIVE PARAS 3 AND 6. THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD NOT FULLY CONSIDERED THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT TERM.

5. BY THE EVENING SESSION OF DEC 9 WEARINESS--AND THE DEADLINE IMPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ALL ITS OUTSTANDING BUSINESS BY THE END OF THE MEETING--BROUGHT AN END TO THE DELAYING TACTICS OF THOSE STATES WHICH OPPOSED L.43. THE C
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VOTED ON AN ORAL MOROCCAN AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE WORD "AND" AFTER "FOREIGN OCCUPATION" IN THE TITLE AND IN OPERATIVE PARAS 3 AND 6. THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED 42-20(US)-40(EC9). THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS CONTAINED IN CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 1 BY A VOTE OF 69-17(US)-28.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABLE NATURE OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, MISSION REQUESTS PERMISSION TO MAKE EXPLANATION OF VOTE WHEN IT COMES UP BEFORE PLENARY, PROBABLY FRIDAY, DEC 16. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPT SENDING US A DETAILED DRAFT EXPLANATION OF VOTE ENUMERATING OUR OBJECTIONS TO THIS RESOLUTION.

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7. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN ANNEX I OF DOCUMENT
A/C.3/32/L.43 AS AMENDED

PROTECTION OF PERSONS DETAINED OR IMPRISONED AS A RESULT
OF THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID, RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM, AGGRESSION AND FOREIGN
OCCUPATION AND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AS
WELL AS SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR THEIR PEOPLES

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3246 (XXIX), 3382 (XXX), 31/34 AND
32/14 WHICH REAFFIRMED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES
FOR LIBERATION FROM COLONIAL AND FOREIGN DOMINATION BY ALL
AVAILABLE MEANS, INCLUDING ARMED STRUGGLE, AND DEMANDED FULL
RESPECT FOR THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR
IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-
DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE,
"NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE ELIMINATION OF
COLONIALISM AND THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO
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"EXPRESSING ITS SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING THE CONTINUING DENIAL
OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA,
ZIMBABWE AND PALESTINE AND OTHER PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR THE
REALIZATION OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THEIR
LIBERATION FROM COLONIALISM AND RACISM,
"RECALLING THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN ITS RESOLUTION 392 (1976)

ONCE AGAIN STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AS A CRIME AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY OF MANKIND AND A SERIOUS BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND EMPHASIZED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, "EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION, "RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3103 (XXVIII); WHICH SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMED THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE COMBATANTS STRUGGLING AGAINST COLONIAL AND ALIEN DOMINATION AND RACIST REGIMES, "1. EXPRESSES ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIGHTERS FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF PEOPLES, AGAINST COLONIALISM, APARTHEID, RACISM AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION; 2. EMPHASIZES AGINS THAT ANY ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIAL DOMINATION AND RACIST REGIMES ARE INCOPATIBLE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; "3. DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM, AGGRESSION AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR THEIR PEOPLES; "4. INSISTS THAT ISRAEL AND THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHER AFRICA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE ALL INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF THEIR STRUGGLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AND AGAINST APARTHEID, ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION; "5. CALLS UPON MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN ALL FIELDS TO THE PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIBERATION FROM COLONIALISM, FOREIGN OCCUPATION, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; "6. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF THE RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR PARTICUPATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM, AGGRESSION AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION, AND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR THEIR PEOPLES; "7. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO SUBMIT, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION."

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